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ROOTING EFFICIENCY AND VASE LIFE USING
STRESS-RESISTANCE GENE**
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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Final Office Action dated November 27, 2007, concerning the above-referenced patent application. By virtue of the accompanying Petition for Extension of Time and payment of the prescribed fees, this response is timely filed on or before March 27, 2008.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this document.